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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

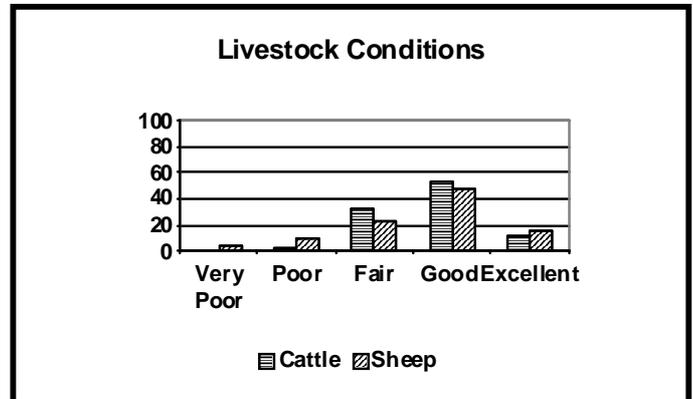
NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa was mostly good with the fifth cutting 62% complete. Cotton was mostly good with 45% of bolls opening. Corn was mostly good with 80% in the dent stage and 35% mature. Irrigated sorghum was mostly good with 75% coloring and 11% mature. Dry sorghum was mostly poor to fair with 83% headed and 56% coloring. Chile was mostly good with 83% of the green harvest and 19% of the red harvest completed. Peanuts were mostly fair to good with 27% harvested. Pecans were mostly good. Cattle were mostly good. Sheep were mostly fair to good. Range and pastures were mostly fair to good. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 13% very short, 31% short, 55% adequate, and 1% surplus. Wind damage was 5% light and 2% moderate.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE (Green)	Harvested	83	78	81	85
CHILE (Red)	Harvested	19	N/A	12	6
CORN	Dent	80	70	96	98
CORN	Mature	35	30	69	65
COTTON	Opening Bolls	45	26	69	58
PEANUTS	Harvested	27	5	9	3
SORGHUM (ALL)	Headed	89	86	100	99
SORGHUM (ALL)	Coloring	69	49	71	60
SORGHUM (ALL)	Mature	6	2	7	8
WHEAT	Planted	72	53	68	78

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	2	24	65	8
Chile	---	4	25	56	15
Corn	---	---	17	67	16
Cotton	---	---	22	60	18
Peanuts	---	---	50	40	10
Pecan	---	---	20	56	24
Sorghum (All)	---	17	47	35	1
Cattle	---	3	32	53	12
Sheep	4	10	23	47	16
Range/Pasture	2	7	43	34	14

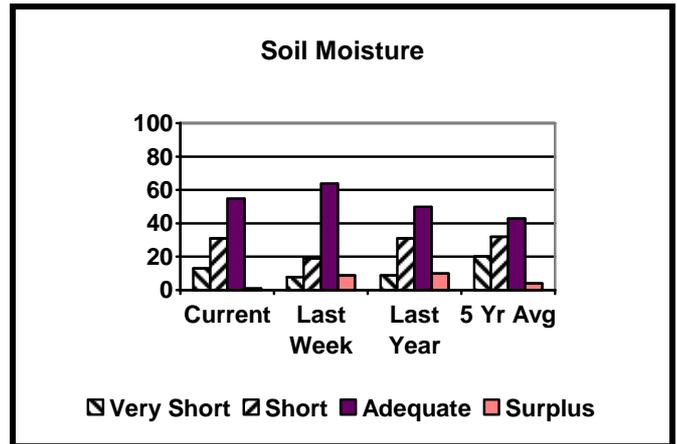


Additional Comments:

De Baca: Scattered light showers received this week. **Quay:** Cooler weather has slowed growth of alfalfa and other forage crops. Range pastures still in very good condition, but beginning to show signs of dryness in most areas. Pecans in dough stage with 80% shell hardening. Average fall drop of pecans will make a decent harvest. **Roosevelt:** Weather conditions are cooling off and affecting how plants are growing and maturing. **San Miguel/Mora:** All looks very dry. **Torrance:** Corn silage cutting in full swing. Cattle shipping has begun. **Sierra:** The heavy rainfall received September 8, caused flooding and field saturation in more than 700 acres of cropland, delayed harvesting of corn, alfalfa, and chile crop. **Doña Ana:** The farmers are cutting and baling alfalfa and grasses, and irrigating pecans, cotton, chile, alfalfa, oats, rye, wheat and onion. **Lea:** Worries of an early frost persist. Corn for silage is being chopped. The southern Lea County is dry. Has been an expensive year for ranchers in the southern part of the county as they have been supplemental feeding since last winter.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	21	30	48	1
Northeast	21	33	46	---
Southwest	---	46	51	3
Southeast	2	12	82	4
State Current	13	31	55	1
State-Last Week	8	19	64	9
State-Last Year	9	31	50	10
State-5-Yr Avg.	20	32	43	4



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures were cooler than normal with the south central and southeast the coolest. Precipitation amounts were higher in the north east and near Carrizozo and Ruidoso with 0.76 at Tucumcari, 0.68 at Roy and .59 at Ruidoso. Very little precipitation fell in the western quarter of the state. The next few days may bring showers and thundershowers over the higher terrain with a possible increase over the weekend.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – SEPTEMBER 15 - 21, 2008

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week	Month	Accum.	Normal	Normal
				15-Sept - 21-Sept	01-Sept - 21-Sept	1-Jan - 21-Sept	Sept	Jan-Sept
Northwest								
Albuquerque	69.1	83	56	0.07	0.07	6.08	1.00	7.06
Chama	53.2	74	31	0.08	1.44	17.09	2.23	16.13
Farmington	66.6	84	47	0.00	0.21	4.50	0.97	6.33
Gallup	60.2	81	38	0.04	0.51	9.75	1.31	9.67
Grants	61.6	88	35	0.00	0.43	5.55	1.56	8.51
Johnson Ranch	59.9	81	37	0.00	0.00	5.40	1.33	9.05
Los Alamos	58.6	75	44	0.07	0.11	10.27	2.12	15.30
Red River	47.9	70	25	0.12	0.53	7.78	1.66	16.69
Santa Fe	61.2	82	41	0.00	0.42	8.60	1.51	11.54
Northeast								
Capulin	55.6	75	33	0.52	0.71	13.57	2.22	15.30
Clayton	66.1	82	47	0.32	0.43	11.03	1.77	13.38
Clovis	66.0	83	48	0.03	0.56	7.94	2.16	14.90
Las Vegas	58.7	78	40	0.12	0.56	13.45	2.40	16.27
Moriarty	57.7	81	36	0.00	0.51	7.51	1.61	10.67
Raton	60.7	81	39	0.03	0.39	9.49	1.61	14.64
Roy	61.9	79	43	0.68	1.38	12.34	1.90	13.74
Tucumcari	68.3	86	48	0.76	0.83	15.24	1.47	12.45
Southwest								
Animas	68.9	90	52	0.00	0.48	8.43	1.68	8.76
Deming	67.9	89	51	0.00	1.47	11.25	1.63	8.11
Gran Quivira	60.1	79	40	0.00	0.99	14.13	1.95	12.74
Quemado	58.6	79	37	0.00	0.23	6.73	1.73	11.41
Socorro	64.1	85	44	0.00	0.71	5.87	1.53	7.37
T or C	66.4	84	51	0.08	2.55	10.51	1.08	7.67
Southeast								
Alamogordo	66.5	85	47	0.00	1.37	9.40	1.99	9.91
Carlsbad	67.3	86	49	0.00	2.24	8.53	2.75	10.74
Carrizozo	60.3	79	42	0.50	1.72	8.03	1.88	10.12
Las Cruces	68.9	87	53	0.00	1.48	9.25	1.36	7.28
Roswell	64.9	83	47	0.01	1.47	7.89	1.87	10.64
Ruidoso	53.8	73	35	0.59	2.24	19.38	2.50	17.53
Tatum	63.5	83	46	0.00	0.58	10.31	2.36	13.53

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.